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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH NETHERLANDS FOREIGN  
MINISTER VAN DER STOEL

1. THE SECRETARY MET WITH NETHERLANDS FOREIGN MINISTER  
VAN DER STOEL SEPTEMBER 24 IN NEW YORK. FOLLOWING SUB-  
JECTS WERE DISCUSSED:

2. MIDDLE EAST: VAN DER STOEL RAISED POSSIBILITY OF  
NEW DECLARATION BY EC-9. HE OPPOSED REVISION OF THE NOVEM-  
BER 6 DECLARATION AND RECOGNIZED PROBLEMS IT WOULD CAUSE  
US BUT FELT THERE WERE PRESSURES TO RETHINK EC-9 POSITION  
AND THAT BRITISH AND GERMANS MIGHT WISH TO DO SO. THE  
SECRETARY AGREED THAT A NEW DECLARATION WOULD NOT DO ANY-  
ONE, LEAST OF ALL THE EUROPEANS, ANY GOOD. HE PROMISED  
TO TALK TO THE BRITISH AND GERMANS ABOUT IT.

3. VAN DER STOEL SAID THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE MIGHT MOVE  
TO A GENERAL COMMITTEE LEVEL AND EXPRESSED FEARS THAT THE  
ARABS WOULD POLITICIZE IT. THE SECRETARY POINTED OUT  
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THAT SUCH EFFORTS WERE COMPLETELY FORESEEABLE. HE ADDED

THAT THE NINE WOULD BE FORCED TO TAKE POSITIONS EITHER  
CONTRARY TO OURS OR ONES THAT ARE SIMILAR WHICH WOULD GET  
THEM IN TROUBLE WITH THE ARABS.

4. VAN DER STOEL ASKED ABOUT THE INFORMAL MEETING OF  
KEY NATIONS MENTIONED IN THE SECRETARY'S UNGA SPEECH AND  
SPECIFICALLY ABOUT FRENCH PARTICIPATION. THE SECRETARY  
THOUGHT AN INFORMAL MEETING MIGHT BE BETTER THAN A FOR-  
MAL CONFERENCE BECAUSE THE FORMER'S BREAKDOWN WOULD NOT  
BE A MAJOR CATASTROPHE. HE WOULD NOT OPPOSE FRENCH  
ATTENDANCE BUT THOUGHT THE ISRAELIS WOULD.

5. PORTUGAL: VAN DER STOEL EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT  
THERE HAS BEEN A BASIC CHANGE IN THE PORTUGUESE SITUA-  
TION AND THAT THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT DESERVES HELP IN  
MEETING ITS PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY THE REFUGEE SITUATION.  
THE SECRETARY SAID THAT WE TOO HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE  
CHANGES BUT FELT THAT WE ARE AT THE BEGINNING, NOT AT  
THE END, OF OUR STRUGGLES. THE COMMUNISTS ARE STILL  
STRONG, AND WE SHOULD NOT CONGRATULATE OURSELVES YET.  
WE ARE PREPARED IN PRINCIPLE TO HELP BUT WISH TO DO SO  
IN TRanches SO THAT WE CAN KEEP THE SITUATION UNDER  
REVIEW.

6. VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS; VAN DER STOEL ASKED  
WHETHER THE SECRETARY COULD VISIT THE HAGUE EN ROUTE TO  
THE DECEMBER NATO MINISTERIAL. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT  
HE WOULD LIKE TO DO SO IF HIS SCHEDULE WOULD PERMIT.  
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